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1. PHILIPPINES

WSTAR (1/10) SAYS TIMES JOURNAL REPORTS PHIL ROAD WORKERS FIND/DIG UP LARGE CACHE MILITARY WARHEADS BURIED NEAR SUMMER HOME PRES MARCOS--ALSO FIND 6 DRUMS TNT, CONNECTED TO LIVE FUSE, NEAR SOUTH DIRVE PRES MANSION. WP CARRIES SAME STORY, ATTRIBUTED "MILITARY SOURCES."

2. AUSTRALIA

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DRAVO CORP ANNOUNCES AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARY, DRAVO PTY, GETS 30 MIL DOLS CONTRACT DESIGN, ENGINEER AND MANAGE EXPANSION HAMERSLEY IRON PTY'S COMPLES AT DAMPIER.

3. KOREA

HOUSE SPEAKER REP O'NEILL SAYS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE WILL THOROUGHLY PROBE ALLEGED SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING--ASSERTS "FIRST THING ON THEIR AGENDA IS TO DROP EVERYTHING ELSE AND MOVE INTO THE KOREAN SITUATION." FIVE OFFICIAL

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INVESTIGATIONS SK SCANDAL UNDERWAY, INCL JUSTICE, SEC,
AND 3 HOUSE PANELS (GLOBE'S NYHAN 1/9).
NBC-TV NEWS (1/10) CARRIES ON LOCATION REPORT ON TONGSUN
PARK NOW IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. PARK INACCESSIBLE, BUT
GIRL FRIEND DICKINSON TELLS REPORTER THAT PARK MAY
RETURN TO US SOON. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF WHETHER
OR NOT PARK WORKED FOR KCIA, DICKINSON SAID, "I
DON'T BELIEVE SO," AND REPEATED ANSWER WHEN INCREDULOUS
REPORTER ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY.

4. JAPAN

AT TOKYO NEWS CONF 1/11, ECON UNDER SEC-DESIGNATE COOPER
SAID JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS "IMPOSING A BURDEN" ON WORLD,
RECOMMENDED ECON EXPANSION TO HELP REDUCE SURPLUS. COOPER
STRESSED FACT WAS SPEAKING AS INDIVIDUAL, ADDED JAPANESE
CIRCUMSTANCES MEANT REST OF WORLD COLLECTIVELY RUNNING
DEFICIT (REUTER TOKYO).

SPEAKING BEFORE AMER FARM BUREAU FEDERATION IN HONOLULU
1/11, FORD'S CHIEF TRADE NEGOTIATOR DENT URGED JAPAN PER-
MIT MORE BEEF IMPORTS NOW THAT OVERFISHING WORLD PROBLEM.
SAID "LIBERALIZATION" WOULD ALLOW IMPORT ABUNDANT QUANTI-
TIES BEEF AT RESONABLE PRICES (NYT).

SEMPLE (NYT LONDON) REPORTS EUR/JAPAN PLEASED W/CARTER
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PLANS STIMULATE US ECONOMY/MONDALE TRIP AS PRELUDE POS-
SIBLE ECON SUMMIT NEXT SPRING.

LAT'S STEIGER (1/9) NOTES JAPAN'S LEADING PAPER, ASAHI
SHIMBUN, GAVE MONDALE/COOPER VISITS MAJOR, FRONT-PAGE
COVERAGE.

FRANCIS (CSM 11/10) REPORTS JAPAN/US PREPARING ACCELER-
ATE ECON STIMULUS, HOPE PULL OTHER NATIONS ALONG. FUKUDA
EXPECTED ANNOUCE 1.5 BIL DOL TAX CUT LATER THIS WK, HOPES
FOR 6 PCT REAL GROWTH RATE 1977.

IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MONDAY, DAVID ROCKEFELLER SAID
JAPAN WOULD BE WELL ADVISED RAISE YEN VALUE IF PRESENT
TRADE SURPLUS CONTINUES. ADDED SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER
BEARING LARGER BURDEN NATL DEFENSE (JOC).

JAPAN'S CERTIFIED EXPORTS IN CALENDAR '76 TOTALED REC-
ORD HIGH 71.1 BIL DOLS--UP 20 PCT FROM '75 (CULLISON, JOC).

EIGHT NATIONS, INCL US/JAPAN, AGREE LOAN UK 3 BIL DOLS
IN FACE POSSIBLE DRAIN ON BRITISH RESERVES (WSJ).

HIROHITO/ROYAL FAMILY RECEIVE 80,000-DOL COST-OF-LIVING

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INCREASE FROM GOJ, BRINGING IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD'S TOTAL

YEARLY ALLOWANCE TO 650,000 DOLS (REUTER, WP; KREBS, NYT).

5. CHINA

THOUSANDS PROTESTERS DEMAND TENG HSIAO-PING REINSTATEMENT, GATHER IN PEKING'S FORBIDDEN CITY. CROWDS ESTIMATED AT OVER MILLION MARCH THRU TIEN AN MIEN SQUARE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO CHOU/DENOUNCE "GANG OF FOUR" (UPI, WSTAR 1/10). CHAIRMAN HUA CONFRONTS CRITICAL QUESTION OF WHETHER
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REINSTATE TENG. CROWDS DEMAND OUSTER 3 MORE KEY OFFICIALS, INCL HEALTH MINISTER LIU SHIANG-PING

ISAACS (SUN) NOTES PEKING HINTS NEW PROBE OF RIOTS LAID TO TENG, WHO MAY STAGE POLITICAL COMEBACK. REVIEWS RIOTS FOLLOWING CHOU'S DEATH. SAYS TENG'S RETURN COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE POL SITUATION SINCE COULD REPRESENT RIVAL POWER CENTER. BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS CONTINUED TURNOUT LARGE CROWDS TO HONOR CHOU/APPEARANCE NEW WALL POSTERS ATTACKING SOME SENIOR LEADERS CREATES UNEASINESS AMONG SOME CHINESE. SEES KEY QUESTIONS FACING LEADERSHIP AS HOW SOON TENG SHOULD BE REHABILITATED/WHAT JOB SHOULD BE GIVEN, HOW FAR CARRY PURGE OF GANG OF FOUR'S FOLLOWERS. NOTES POSTERS CONFIRM KILLINGS DURING APR'S PRO-CHOU RIOTS.

WP, SUN, NYT, NYDN CARRY AP/UPI PIX EFFIGIES GANG OF FOUR HANGING IN PEKING/CROWDS COMMEMORATING CHOU.

IMF BEGINS RETURN GOLD TO MEMBERS, HAS TO RESOLVE WHO GETS CHINESE GOLD DEPOSITED IN 1946 (REUTER, CHITRIB). ROWAN (WP) NOTES IMF AGAIN "FINESSED" PRC CLAIM TO SEAT HELD BY TAIWAN BY NOT ALLOCATING 15 MILLION DOLS CHINESE GOLD TO EITHER, POSTPONING DECISION UNTIL APR 1, 1977.

6. INDOCHINA

KEYES BEECH (CDN 1/7) OPINES 1977 WILL BE WORSE FOR SVN THAN 1976 SINCE CLEAR HANOI INTENDS TIGHTEN DOWN ON "DECADENT, PLEASURE-LOVING, BOURGEOIS, NEO-COLONIALIST" SVIETS, WILL PROBABLY FORCE MIGRATION SURPLUS LABOR TO NORTH. SEES 2 VNS STILL SHARPLY DIVIDED. SAYS EDUCATED REFUGEES COMPARE SVN W/US SOUTH AFTER CIVIL WAR, W/ OCCUPATION ARMY/CARPETBAGGERS. ADDS SVN BEING TREATED LIKE CONQUERED COUNTRY, W/SPOILS OF WAR/CONSUMER GOODS SHIPPED TO NVN.
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PHAN QUANG DAN WRITES TO CSM. BELIEVES TIMELY REQUEST HANOI MAKE CERTAIN GOODWILL ACTS THAT WOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN LIST GESTURES REP PUBLICIZED AT UN. INCLUDES GIVING MIA INFO, RELEASING 300,000 POL PRISONERS, RELEASING RELIGIOUS LEADERS, STOP DEPORTING PEOPLE TO "UNEXPLORED AREAS," RETURN EQUIPMENT SHIPPED TO NVN, INSURE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOBILIZE INSTEAD OF RECRUITING MORE TROOPS, AND ALLOW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT INTO/OUT OF VN.

7. INDONESIA

KANE (LAT 1/9) DOES TRAVEL PIECE FROM JAVA; CALLS IT "REWARDING PLACE OF REFUGE FROM HASSLE AND HUSTLE."

8. GENERAL

HAK MAKES FAREWELL APPEARANCE AT NATL PRESS CLUB 1/10, SAID VIETNAM "TRAUMA" TRANSFORMED US' INTL PERCEPTION. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, SECSTATE DOUBTED WHETHER QUICKER WITHDRAWAL COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED W/O PUTTING US' INTL ROLE/HONOR ON LINE (TREWHITT, SUN; MARDER, WP; CARTER, NYDN).

REP ZABLOCKI DENOUNCED AS "SCURRILOUS AND FALSE" MEMO CIRCULATED BY REP ROSENTHAL THAT ARGUES ZABLOCKI SHOULD BE DENIED HIRC SEAT. MEMO STATES ZABLOCKI VOTED AGAINST MAJORITY CMTE DEMS ON INDOCHINA MIL INVOLVEMENT/TYING FON AID TO HUMAN RIGHTS. ZABLOCKI ALSO DENIED RECEIVING HONORARY DEGREE FROM A KOREAN UNIV, SAYING WAS FROM JESUIT SCHOOL IN SEOUL (LYONS, WP).

REUTER'S CALVERT (SINGAPORE) REPORTS HK/SINGAPORE CENTERS FOR ASIAN "TRADE PIRATES"--THOSE WHO ILLEGALLY COPY BRANDED GOODS, SELL THEM AS GENUINE ARTICLE. PIRATES UNCLASSIFIED

PRODUCE EVERYTHING FROM SWISS WATCHES TO CHINESE WINE, APPARENTLY OPERATE OUT OF EVERY NON-COMMUNIST ASIAN COUNTRY EXCEPT JAPAN.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND (1/10) SEES MONDALE TRIP AS SETTING FOPOL TONE FOR CARTER ADMIN, BELIEVES IT SHOULD DRAMATIZE CARTER'S ELECTION PLEDGE PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON ALLIANCES/HELP RELIEVE JAPANESE CONCERN OVER PROPOSED US FORCES KOREA.

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10. KOREA

NYT'S EDIT FINDS DIFFICULTY IN APPLYING "SINGLE STANDARD" IN ASSESSING VIOLATIONS "SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS" HUMAN RIGHTS/ACTING UPON SUCH ASSESSMENTS. HOPES CARTER ADMIN WILL RECOGNIZE HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMAN NEEDS NOT EASILY SEPARATED--STATES NO FORMULA FOR EQUATING SUCCESS MEETING HUMAN NEEDS W/"ACCEPTABLE" DEPRIVATIONS LIBERTY. SEES "NO ESCAPE FROM HARD JUDGMENT, ONE SITUATION AT A TIME." JUDGMENT BY "SINGLE STANDARD" MIGHT GIVE US "MORAL SATISFACTION, BUT LITTLE ELSE." CITES CASE ROK AS ONE WHERE PREVIOUS ADMINS VOICED HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, BUT TOO OFTEN JUSTIFIED INACTION BY ARGUING OTHER, OVERRIDING INTERESTS AT STAKE.

JOC EDIT ASKS WHAT HAS CONVINCED SO MANY US THAT PROTESTS/ RIOTS IN WORLD PRODUCTS OF ONLY VERY OPPRESSIVE REGIMES. POINTS OUT FINDINGS DE TOCQUEVILLE, OTHERS, THAT DEMONSTRATIONS MORE OFTEN CAME W/MODERATION REGIMES, "LOOSENING OF SCREWS." EDIT SEEKS BROADER PERSPECTIVES-- QUESTIONS WHY SO MUCH MORE CONCERN RE CIVIL RIGHTS SK/SVN THAN IN NK/NVN?
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WP CARRIES HERBLOCK POL CARTOON SHOWING FIGURE REPRESENTING HOUSE REPS SITTING ON CAPITOL STEPS BLOCKED BY PILE GARBAGE CANS OVERFLOWING W/KOREAN AND REP SIKES SCANDALS. HOUSE REPS FIGURE CONTEMPLATES LIST "ETHICS FOR THE FUTURE" WHILE JOHN Q PUBLIC, W/CLOTHESPIN ON NOSE, ASKS " WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?"

11. AUSTRALIA

NYT'S SULLIVAN DOES LENGTHY FEATURE ON AUSTRALIA'S ESTABLISHMENT OF "ECOLOGICAL/BIOSPHERE RESERVES," NEW CONCEPT CONSERVATION WHICH SEEKS FACILITATE EVOLUTION LIFE FORMS INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE, RATHER THAN MERELY PRESERVATION STATUS QUO.

12. CHINA

LESLIE (LAT 1/8) OBSERVES CHOU BEING LIONIZED AS NEVER WAS DURING LIFE. SEES 1 REASON AS MANY CHINESE REGARD CHOU AS GREAT W/QUALITIES WARMTH/HUMILITY, WHILE MAO'S IMAGE COMBINES GREATNESS W/FOREBODING/RESERVE. OPINES MORE IMPORTANT, CHOU'S MODERATE POLICIES SUPPORTED BY NEW LEADERSHIP.

MORITZ (CSM 1/10) BELIEVES NEW LEADERSHIP NEARING KEY DECISIONS ON HOW FAR REHABILITATE TENG, HOW SEVERELY PUNISH "GANG OF FOUR." CITES WALL POSTERS. OPINES

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TENG'S REHABILITATION WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER RESHUFFLE AMONG TOP LEADERS. ADDS CATALOG OF CHARGES AGAINST RADICALS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OFFENSES THAT COULD WARRANT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

MUNRO (CSM) DETECTS EVIDENCE DEEP POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN CHINESE LEADERSHIP, W/APPEARANCE POSTERS ATTACKING 3 SENIOR CP LEADERS LACK ATTENDANCE TOP LEADERS AT
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MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR CHOU. LESLIE (LAT 1/9) OPINES CHINESE LEADERS MASK MAJOR STRUGGLE, BELIEVES EVENTS MAY BE OUT OF CONTROL. DESCRIBES NEW VIEW HISTORY BEING PROPAGATED BY OFFICIALS THAT IGNORES RADICAL INFLUENCE. SEES LEADERSHIP AS MOST PRESSING PROBLEM, W/HUA'S POSITION IN NEED BUTTRESSING, IMPORTANT POSITIONS VACANT; CONTINUING PURGE RADICALS, STRESS ON GETTING ECONOMY MOVING MAKE LIKELY PRC WILL BE PREOCCUPIED W/INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN COMING YR. THINKS US CAN BENEFIT, CAN AFFORD MOVE W/O HASTE SINCE CHINESE PROBABLY NOT LOOKING FOR DIPL BREAKTHRUS NOW.

MORITZ (CSM 1/10) REVIEWS 2ND "LEARN FROM TACHAI" CONF. BELIEVES RESULT MAY BE LESS EMPHASIS ON RURAL AREAS PULLING SELVES UP BY BOOTSTRAPS, MORE AID FROM PEKING.

JACK ANDERSON (WP) SAYS HAK PERSUADED TO OPEN DOOR TO CHINA BY 1969 CONFLICT ON PRC-USSR BORDER. OPINES HAK BELIEVED USSR ATTACKED, SO PRC WOULD BE RECEPTIVE US APPROACH. REVIEWS TROOP DEPLOYMENT/PROBABLE STRATEGY ALONG BORDER TROUBLE AREA. QUOTES INTELL SOURCES THAT PRC CMDRS HOPE AVOID MIL CONFRONTATION W/USSR; THINKS THIS COULD LEAD TO SINO-SOVIET DETENTE; ADDS SOURCES SAY REAL POWER IN PEKING HELD BY SENIOR MIL CMDRS. CONCLUDES CHE'N HSI-LIEN, CMDR PEKING GARRISON, MAY BE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN PRC.

13. GENERAL

CSM LOOKS OVER KISSINGER YRS, CHOOSES REMEMBER MOSTLY THE GOOD: INTELLECTUAL ACUTENESS/BREADTH OF THOUGHT/ REALISM. ADMITS RECORD CONTROVERSIAL; BELIEVES WILL TAKE PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY TO MAKE JUDGMENT. SAYS HAK LEGITIMATELY MADE RELS W/USSR/PRC CENTRAL CONCERN US POLICY. SEES AS FAILURES/MISJUDGMENTS POLICIES IN VN/ EARLY CONDESCENSION TO EUR/JAPAN.
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